

Comstock Mill Historical Survey Site Packet

Mill # 201 Mill Name: Rogers Mill

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1.0 HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION OF MILL

1.1 HISTORICAL SUMMARY OF ROGERS MILL

The Rogers Mill, built in 1862 at an estimated cost of \$23,000, was located about three miles east of Virginia City in Six Mile Canyon (Browne 1867:352; Ansari 1989:30). It was also sometimes known as Johannsen Mill (Science Applications International Agency, Technology Services Company [SAIA TSC] 1994:68). In 1863, Rodger's Silver Mining Company owned this mill while W. Buncher served as the superintendent (SAIA TSC 1994:68). The mill, with its 30 horsepower engine, nine wooden tubes, one Knox pan, and eight stamps, processed about 14 tons of ore per day from the Rogers claim in the Flowery District (Ansari 1989:30). In 1863, a survey of the mill site recorded the presence of two mills structures (Figure 1). In 1866, Rogers S.M. Co. owned the \$10,400 steam-powered mill, which used three and a half cords of wood to crush about 12 tons of ore per day (Ansari 1989:30; Browne 1867:352). According to the February 13, 1870 issue of the *Territorial Enterprise*, the mill was to be moved to process tailings in the desert below the mouth of Six Mile Canyon (*Territorial Enterprise* 1870:3), though the mill appears to have still existed as of 1900 (SAIA TSC 1994:72).

The following tables contain the full title history of the mill (SAIA TSC 1994:71-73).

ROGERS MILLSITE

DATE	INST	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PROPERTY & COMMENTS	DATE RECORDED	COUNTY BOOK	COUNTY PAGE	COUNTY INDEX
07-10-1863	Survey of Land Claim		Rodgers Silver Mining Company	56.48 acre parcel in Six Mile Canyon, along Gould and Curry Road (map shows mill)	07-10-1863	Locations A	191	(I-1)
08-31-1872	State Patent (Register's Certificate No. 461)	State of Nevada	David Bowie	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26	11-23-1877	Storey Deeds 41	569-572	(I-2)
06-04-1874	Deed	Isaac L. Requa C.C. Batterman J.C. Hampton, as assignees in bankruptcy of Ira S. Parke & David Bowie	A.M. Edgington	Nevada State Register's Certificate for land No. 461	06-09-1874	Storey Deeds 35	414-416	(I-3)
06-04-1874	Deed	Isaac L. Requa C.C. Batterman J.C. Hampton, as assignees in bankruptcy of Ira S. Parke & David Bowie	A.M. Edgington	S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26	06-09-1874	Storey Deeds 35	417-420	(I-4)
05-13-1875	Deed	A.M. Edgington	Virginia and Truckee Rail Road Company (NV corp.)	State Register's Certificate for land No. 461 and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26	05-13-1875	Storey Deeds 37	453-456	(I-5)
- 1889 -	Tax Roll		J.W. Johannsen	mill and millsite west of Fisher's mill				
06-21-1893	Deed	Daniel William Johannsen	A.J. Root	Johannsen mill and sluice boxes (west of Fishers mill)	06-21-1893	Storey Deeds 53	032-033	(I-6)

ROGERS MILLSITE (continued)

DATE	INST	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PROPERTY & COMMENTS	DATE RECORDED	COUNTY BOOK	COUNTY PAGE	DOCUMENT NUMBER
08-01-1894	Deed	A.J. Root	F.L. Wildes	mill formerly owned by Daniel William Johannsen and sluice boxes (west of Fischer's mill)	08-01-1894	Storey Deeds 52	293-294	(I-7)
02-16-1895	Deed	F.L. Wildes	Nevada Bank of San Francisco (CA corp.)	mill formerly owned by Daniel William Johannsen, millsite and sluice boxes (west of Fischer's mill)	04-16-1895	Storey Deeds 53	155-157	(I-8)
- 1896 -	Tax Roll		Nevada Bank	Johannsen mill on Six Mile Canyon				
02-23-1898	Deed	Nevada Bank of San Francisco (CA corp.)	Daniel William Johannsen	mill formerly owned by Daniel William Johannsen, millsite and sluice boxes, (west of Fischer's mill)	03-03-1898	Storey Deeds 53	383-384	(I-9)
03-03-1898	Deed	Daniel William Johannsen	R. Noce	Johannsen's mill, millsite and sluice boxes (west of Fischer's mill)	03-03-1898	Storey Deeds 53	385-386	(I-10)
- 1900 -	Tax Roll		D.W. Johannsen	mill in Six Mile Canyon				
02-24-1903	Deed	Union Mill and Mining Company (CA corp.), by James M. Allen, President, and James Newlands Jr., Secretary	Charles Butters	S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26	04-16-1903	Storey Deeds 55	072-074	(I-11)
06-09-1919	Deed	Charles Butters Jessie Butters	R.R. Hillman	S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26	01-12-1920	Storey Deeds 58	336-341	(I-12)

ROGERS MILLSITE (continued)

DATE	INST	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	PROPERTY & COMMENTS	DATE RECORDED	COUNTY BOOK	COUNTY PAGE	DOCUMENT NUMBER
05-20-1966	Deed	Natalie F. Mullally	Starr Hill, Jr.	S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26	06-06-1966	Storey Deeds 65	518-519	(I-13)
03-21-1967	Correction Deed	Natalie F. Mullally	Starr Hill, Jr.	S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26	04-03-1967	Storey Deeds 65	579-580	(I-14)
04-28-1971	Tax Deed	Shirley Andreasen, Tax Receiver of Storey County	Shirley Andreasen, Treasurer of Storey County	S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26	04-28-1971	Storey Deeds 66	293-297	(I-15)
- 1993 -	Tax Roll		Storey County Treasurer	Parcel No. 04-301-10 (S $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26)				

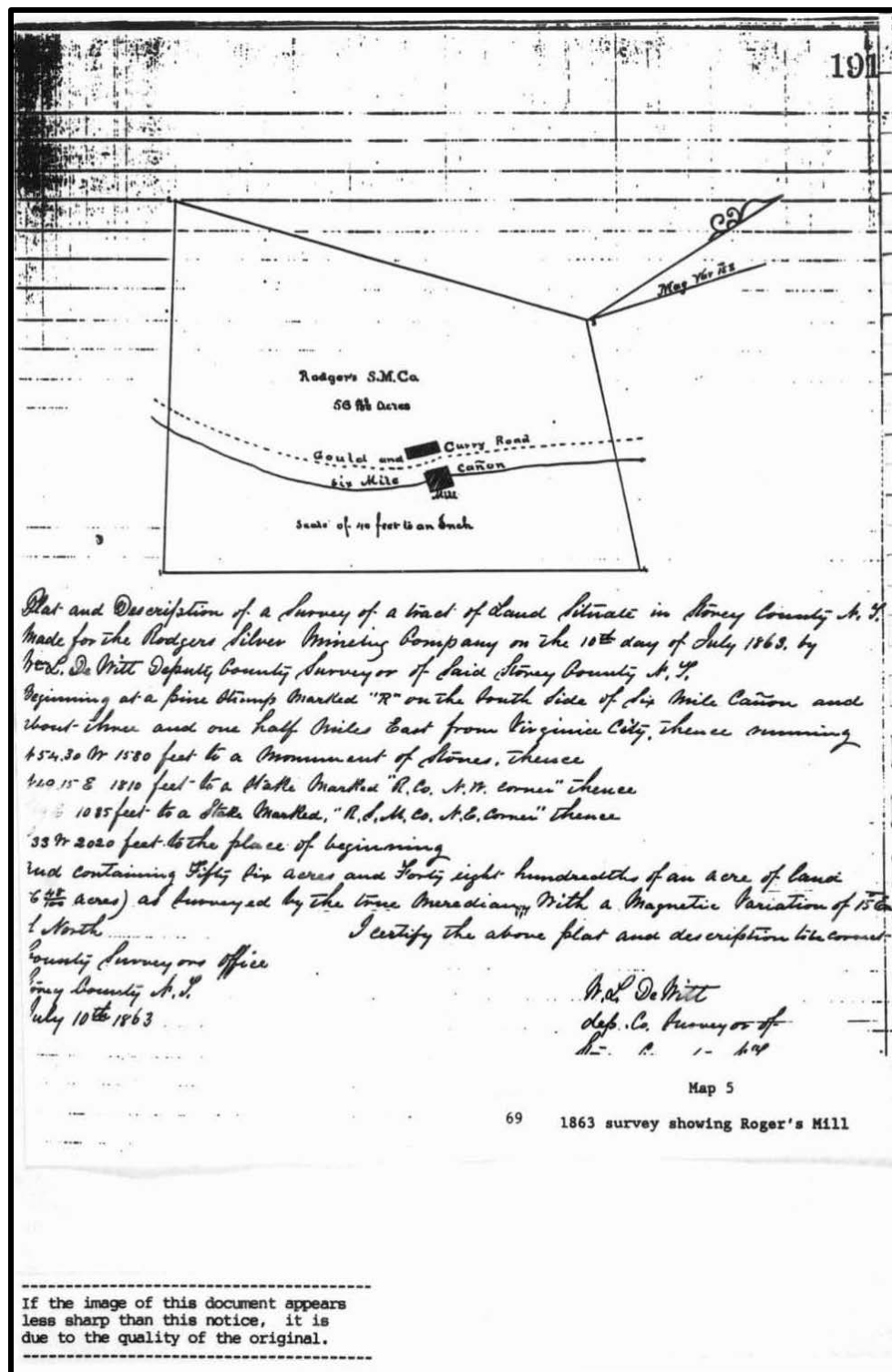


Figure 1: Survey of Land Claim for Rodger's Silver Mining Company showing Roger's Mill.
Dated July 10, 1863 (SAIA TSC 1994:69).

1.2 WORKS CITED FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Ansari, Mary B.

1989 *Mines and Mills of the Comstock Region of Western Nevada*. Camp Nevada, Reno, NV.

Browne, J. Ross

1867 *Report of J. Ross Browne on the Mineral Resources of the States and Territories West of the Rocky Mountains. Reports on the Mineral Resources of the United States*. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC.

Memmott, M

2010 Nevada State IMACS 26ST424. MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc.

Science Applications International Agency, Technology Services Company

1994 Draft/Final Report of the Six Mile Canyon Mills at Carson River Mercury Site. Report to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, Site Francisco, from Science Applications International Agency, Technology Services Company, San Francisco.

Territorial Enterprise

1870 No title. *Territorial Enterprise* 13 February:3. Virginia City, NV.

1.3 HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

No historic photographs were identified.

Repositories checked:

Mark Twain Bookstore
Nevada Historical Society
University of Nevada, Reno Special Collections

2.0 IDENTIFICATION OF MILL SITE LOCATIONS

2.1 INFORMATION REPORT

Appendix A is an information report generated from the NDEP Mill Site Inventory Database. This inventory is used to record survey data and historical research.

2.2 IMACS FORM

The Intermountain Antiquities Computer System (IMACS) Form is utilized by archaeologists as a guide for preliminary identification of a historic sites and features. The IMACS form is not intended to be complete, or to exhaust the subject of historic artifact discovery. The level of analysis may not adequately encompass the nature and complexity of the site. Estimates of numbers of various artifact types may be more appropriate for large sites rather than detailed descriptions which are more appropriate to small sites. The specific artifact classes represented here are the most common found on historic sites and are generally the most diagnostic. Evaluations of any site are dependent on surface features and artifacts, as well as complimentary historical documentation.

The IMACS form is a stand-alone document, attached as Appendix B with applicable attachments.

3.0 FIELD PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 101C-00001: Rogers Mill site overview. Camera faces southeast (Mitch Gerlinger, 02/20/2012).



Photo 101C-00002: Rogers Mill site overview. Camera faces south (Mitch Gerlinger, 02/20/2012).



Photo 101C-00003: Rogers Mill site overview. Camera faces southwest (Mitch Gerlinger, 02/20/2012).



Photo 101C-00004: Rogers Mill site overview. Camera faces west (Mitch Gerlinger, 02/20/2012).

Photo Log

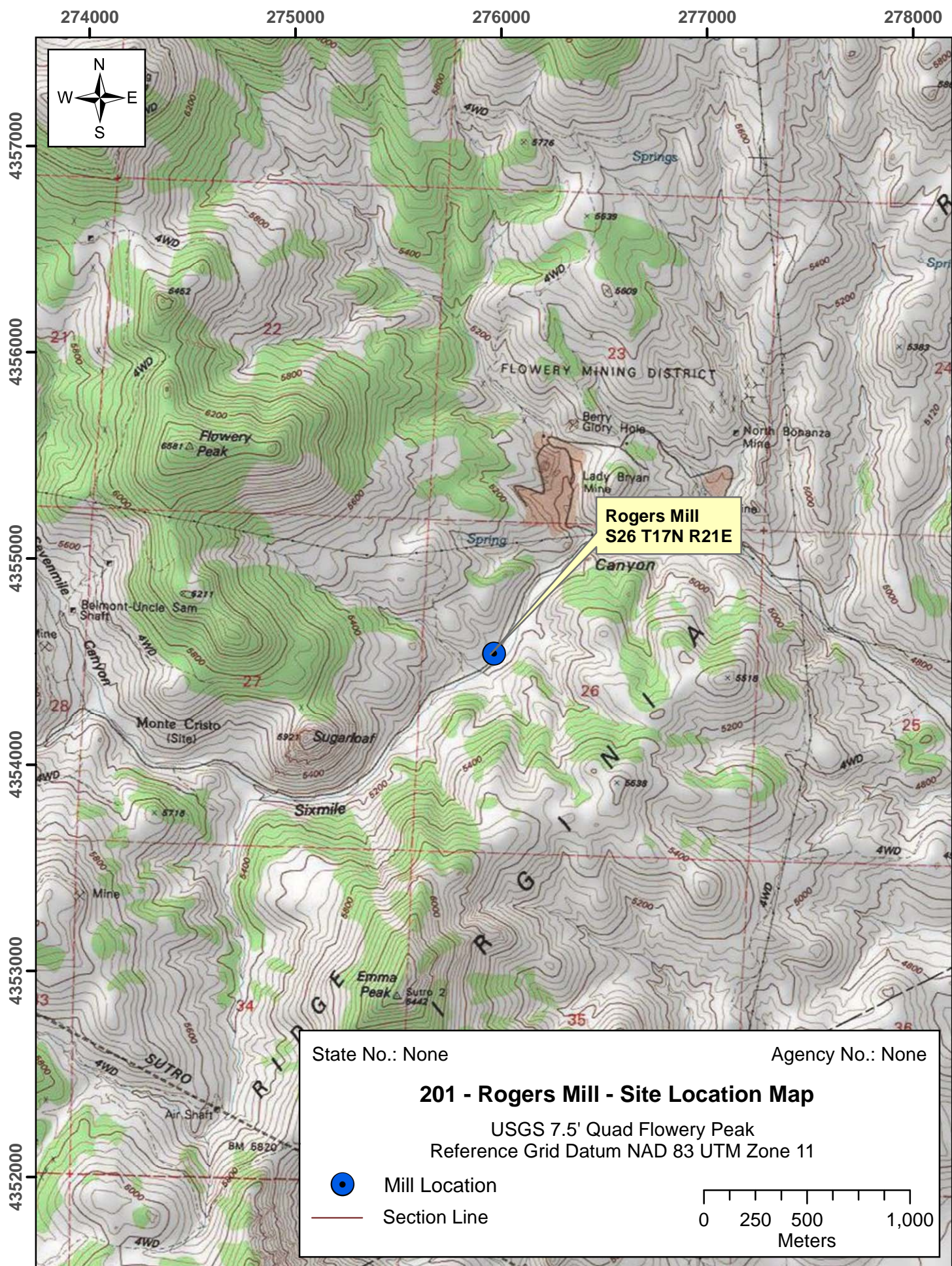
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201	101C-00003	20-Feb-12	Overview	SW	MEG		
201	101C-00004	20-Feb-12	Overview	W	MEG		
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201	101C-00481	31-May-12	Feature 20	E	RAY	270843	4351606
201	101C-00482	31-May-12	Feature 21	SE	RAY	276022	4354559
201	101C-00483	31-May-12	Feature 21	W	RAY	276052	4354615
201	101C-00484	31-May-12	Feature 21	SE	RAY	276039	4354572
201	101C-00485	31-May-12	Overview	E	RAY	275996	4354545

4.0 MAPS

4.1 SITE LOCATION MAP

The Site Location Map depicts the location of the mill.



Surveyed: 2/20/2012 by SRH

4.2 SITE MAP

The Site Map depicts a close up of the site and surveyed features.



State No.: None

Agency No.: None

201 - Rogers Mill - Survey Area Map



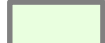
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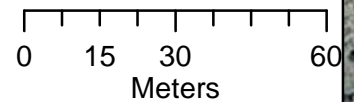
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Mill Feature

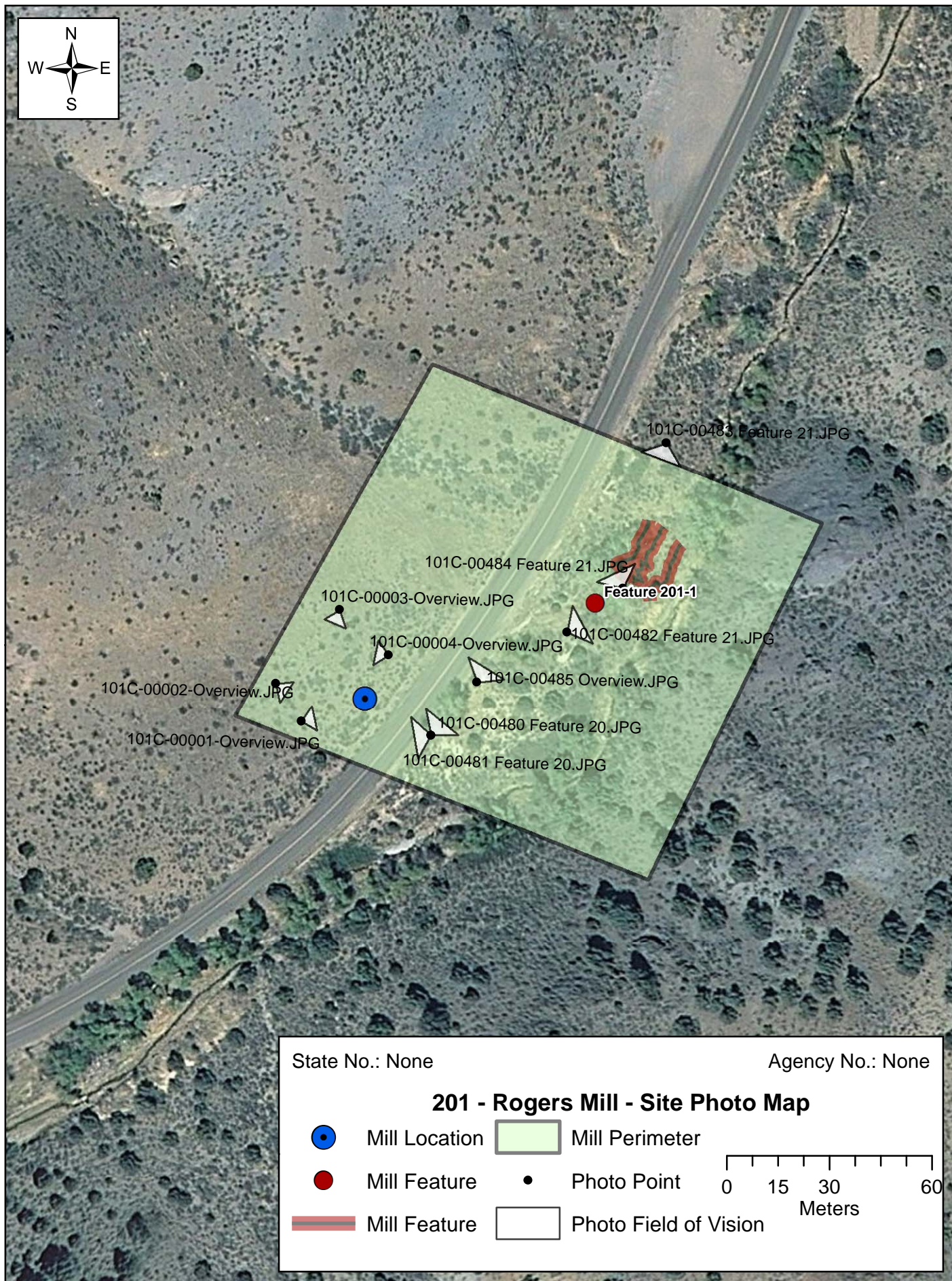


Mill Perimeter



4.3 SITE PHOTO MAP

The Site Photo Map depicts the site and photos taken during fieldwork.



5.0 REPEAT PHOTOGRAPHY

As no historical photographs were recovered during the research of this mill, no repeat photography was conducted.

6.0 SIGNIFICANCE EVALUATION

This site has been chosen as unevaluated for National Register, accepting the previous eligibility recommendations of 26ST424. MACTEC Engineering and Consulting, Inc. (HN) determined in 2010 that site 26ST424 is “Unevaluated (Z) under Subsection H of Appendix F in the Nevada State Protocol Agreement between the BLM and the Nevada SHPO for implementing the NHPA this site has not been evaluated for the NRHP” (Memmot 2010).

APPENDICES

Appendix A – 201 Rogers Info Report

Internal Site ID: 201

Mill Summary**Rogers Mill Site**

APN:	004-301-010
Street Address:	NW 4 Of SW 4: S2 Of NW 4,pt NE 4
City:	6 Mile Canyon
Zip:	89403
County:	Storey
Property Type:	Public
Elevation (ft):	5019
Township / Range / Section:	T17N R21E S26
UTM Location:	Zone 11N, 275964.3542 E, 4354539.4273 N
Lat / Long Method:	Digitized From Internet Mapping Program
Mill Location Accuracy:	Piedmont Engineering Location
General Location:	6 Mile Canyon
Number of Stamps:	8
Number Of Pans:	
Number Of Settlers:	
Year Constructed:	1862
Period Of Operation:	1862-?
Operation Type:	Unknown
Operation Capacity:	14
Fate Of Mill:	Unknown
Year Removed:	Unknown

Internal Site ID: 201

Survey Summary

Rogers Mill Site

Survey Date:	2/20/2012
Surveyors:	Mitch Gerlinger, Steven Holm, Ashlee Younie
Is Survey Complete:	Yes
Reason if Not Surveyed:	
Historic Basis:	Historical research and pedestrian survey.
Mill Remains Visible Comment:	26ST424
Distance From Mill To Nearest Residential Dwelling:	>1000'
Is Site Accessible:	Yes
Site Accessibility Description:	Road.
Are There Surface Remains:	Yes
Evidence of Recreational Use:	No
Amount of Recreational Use:	Rare
Use Description:	Hiking
Is Mill Deemed Historic:	No
Other Comments:	Wildlife trails.

Appendix B – 201 Rogers IMACS

Appendix E

Eligibility: Unevaluated ____ Not Eligible ____ Criteria: A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ By: _____ Concur: _____

NEVADA IMACS SITE FORM

Administrative and Environmental Data**1. State No.:****2. County:** Storey**3. Agency No:****4. Project:** Comstock Mill Inventory**5. Temporary/Field Site No:** 201**6. Agency Report no.:** CRR3-2638**7. Site/Property Name:** Rogers Mill Site**8. Site Class:** Historic**Historic Theme/Affiliation:** (MN) Mining/Mineral Extraction**Site Area:** 14679.12026m**Site Age:** unknown**Dating Method:** Historic Basis in Mill Survey**Depth of Cultural Fill:** (E) Fill noted but exact depth unknown**9. Site Description:**

This is an update for IMAC form 26ST424 surveyed 4-9-2010. The site looks to be in the same condition as recorded. No new features were added, new feature numbers were assigned using the previous numbering system for consistency. Feature 20 is a depression with associated brick fill and large amounts of square nails. There also appears to be a depression or drain heading in from the depression; see 26ST424 for more details. Feature 21 is an update to Concentration 3. Concentration 3 is actually in the middle of stamp platforms. No stone work remains just the earthen terraces. This feature consists of three tiers facing the stream channel. Each tier is approximately 30ft in length, and end within 6ft of Feature 20. These tiers fit the design of a stamp mill platform. Please see Mill # 202 The Jolly Giant, for more information on 26ST424; Mill #201 and 202 are both part of this site.

National Register Justification:

Ineligible

Eligibility Description:

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NEVADA IMACS SITE FORM

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NEVADA IMACS SITE FORM

10. Elevation (ft): 5019

11. UTM Grid: Zone 11N, 275964.3542 E, 4354539.4273 N

12. Legal Description: T17N, R21E, Section 26

13. Meridian: Mt. Diablo (7)

14. Map Reference: USGS 7.5' Flowery Peak 83

15. Land Owner: (PR) Private

16. BLM District and Field Office: Carson City

17. Photographs: See Attached

18. Recorded By: Mitch Gerlinger, Steven Holm, Ashlee Younie

Date: 2/20/2012

19. Survey Organization: Broadbent & Associates, Inc.

20. Distance to Permanent Water (m): 5864

Type of Water Source: (B) Stream/river

21. Geographic Unit: (BND) Dayton Valley

22. Topographic Location:

Primary Landform: (G) Canyon

23. On-site Depositional Context: (H) Alluvial Plain (canyon;valley fill)

24. Vegetation Community: (E) Upper Sonoran

Artifact Summary

Not Applicable

Feature Descriptions

See Attached

Attached Maps

- ☒ **7.5 Minute USGS Location Map**
- ☐ **Site Area Map**
- ☒ **Survey Area Map**
- ☒ **Site Photo Map**

Internal Site ID: 201

Feature Summary**Rogers Mill Site**

Feature ID:	Feature 201-4
Feature Type:	Feature 21
Latitude:	39.311610174
Longitude:	-119.59750
Lat / Long Method:	Field GPS Location
Dimensions:	Length: 22.517027 m
Area:	n/a
General Feature Location:	
Feature Comment:	Tier 3
Associated Artifacts:	

Feature ID:	Feature 201-3
Feature Type:	Feature 21
Latitude:	39.311647498
Longitude:	-119.59757
Lat / Long Method:	Field GPS Location
Dimensions:	Length: 24.889375 m
Area:	n/a
General Feature Location:	
Feature Comment:	Tier 2
Associated Artifacts:	

Feature ID:	Feature 201-2
Feature Type:	Feature 21
Latitude:	39.311667462
Longitude:	-119.59761
Lat / Long Method:	Field GPS Location
Dimensions:	Length: 23.455774 m
Area:	n/a
General Feature Location:	
Feature Comment:	Tier 1
Associated Artifacts:	

Internal Site ID: 201

Feature Summary

Rogers Mill Site

Feature ID:	Feature 201-1
Feature Type:	Depression
Latitude:	39.311540177
Longitude:	-119.59774
Lat / Long Method:	Field GPS Location
Dimensions:	n/a
Area:	n/a
General Feature Location:	
Feature Comment:	Depression
Associated Artifacts:	
